

# COLORADO

## Cattle, Sheep and Goat Inventory

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#### CATTLE INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2011

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The January 1, 2011 inventory of all cattle and calves in Colorado totaled 2.65 million head, up 2 percent from the January 1, 2010 inventory. Beef cows, at 727,000 head, were up 13,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows increased 7,000 head from last year to 123,000 head. Colorado's 2010 calf crop, at 780,000 head, is unchanged from 2009.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2011 and percent changes from 2010 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over did not change from last year's 120,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, were up 7 percent to 75,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 2 percent to 510,000; steers 500 pounds and over, up 6 percent to 910,000; bulls 500 pounds and over, up 11 percent at 50,000; and calves under 500 pounds, down 23 percent to 135,000 head. The total inventory included 1,100,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, up 8 percent from last year.

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All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2011, totaled 92.6 million head, 1 percent below the 93.9 million on January 1, 2010. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 91.2 million on hand in 1958. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.0 million, were down 1 percent from the 40.5 million on January 1, 2010. Beef cows, at 30.9 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2010. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2010. Other class estimates on January 1, 2011, and the change from January 1, 2010, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.5 million, down 1 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.2 million, down 5 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.6 million, up 1 percent. Other heifers, 9.8 million, up 1 percent. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 1 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.2 million, down 2 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 14.5 million, down 3 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.0 million, up 3 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 26.7 million, down 3 percent. The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.9 million, down 1 percent from 2009.

#### SHEEP & LAMB INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2011

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The January 1, 2011 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Colorado totaled 370,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2010. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 5 percent from last year to 175,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 5 percent to 195,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased from 30,000 head in 2010 to 28,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 5 percent from last year to 142,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older remained unchanged at 5,000 head. Of the 195,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 193,000 head were market lambs. There were 2,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from a year earlier; 9,000 were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 2,000 from the previous year; 42,000 weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 17,000 last year; and 140,000 weighed over 105 pounds compared with 158,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2010. The 2010 lamb crop, at 170,000 head, was 6 percent below the 2009 lamb crop. Wool production in Colorado during 2010 totaled 2.4 million pounds, up from 2.2 million pounds produced in 2009. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 340,000 head, was up 13 percent from 300,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2010 totaled \$3.58 million, up 98 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.49 per pound of wool sold compared with \$0.82 per pound the previous year.

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All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2011, totaled 5.53 million head, down 2 percent from 2010. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.12 million head on January 1, 2011, down 2 percent from 4.19 million head on January 1, 2010. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.26 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2011, totaled 1.42 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2010. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 21 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 34 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total marketings. The 2010 lamb crop of 3.60 million head, was down 2 percent from 2009. The 2010 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2010, unchanged from 2009.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2010 was 30.6 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2009. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.22 million head, up slightly from 2009. The average price paid for wool sold in 2010 was \$1.15 per pound for a total value of \$35.3 million dollars, up 45 percent from \$24.3 million dollars in 2009.

**GOAT INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2011**

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Meat and other goats accounted for 35,000 head compared with 38,000 on January 1, 2010 and milk goats totaled 8,200 head, down from 8,400 head a year ago. Angora and all goat inventory numbers on January 1, 2011 totaled 1,000 head. Last year there was no report on Angoras due to confidentiality and publication rules.

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**Total Goat and Kid Inventory Down 1 Percent**

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2011, totaled 3.00 million head, down 1 percent from 2010. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.49 million head, down 1 percent from 2010. Does one year old and older, at 1.84 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 514,000 head, down 1 percent from a year ago.

On January 1, 2011 meat and all other goats totaled 2.47 million head on January 1, 2011, down 2 percent from 2010. Milk goat inventory increased to 360,000 head, 1 percent above January 1, 2010, while Angora goats were up 7 percent, totaling 172,000 head. The 2010 kid crop totaled 1.91 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2009.

Mohair production in the United States during 2010 was 1.09 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 181,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.0 pounds. Mohair price was \$3.49 per pound with a value of \$3.79 million dollars.